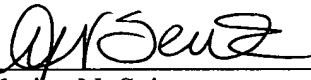


**REMARKS**

The Examiner states that Applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Japanese application as required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(b). Applicant submits, however, that the certified copy of the Japanese application was filed on February 15, 2001, as confirmed by the Return Receipt Postcard and the Acknowledgment in the October 2, 2002 Office Action Summary (copies attached). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the present application.

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